A Reſitall of certaine branches of a

Statute made in the xiiii, yeere of hir Maieſties Reigne, concerning Collectors for the poore, duties of Conſtables, and for ſuch as refuſe to paye to the poore : to put them in better minde of their ſeuerall duties and deligence, in their Collections and accompts, and the Conſtables of their danger for none dooing of their office. And laſtly of the puniſhment of ſuch as refuſe to pay to the poore, or wilfully diſcourage others from paying. The negligence of the Collectors in moſt parriſhes hath been ſuch, ẏ halfe the Reuenewes or collection is cleane loſt for gathering: which doth force this courſe to bee taken, aſſuring all perſõs to whom it ſhal appertaine, that due execution of the ſame wil be followed with effect, vppon the offenders.

AND it is further enacted by authoritie of this preſent Parliamẽt, that if any manner of perſon or perſons appointed & elected to be Collectours for ẏ poore, as is aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe ẏ ſaid office, or ſhall after hee hath agreed to it neglect the ſame, he ſhall forfaite and loſe for euery offence to the vſe of the poore of the ſame place fourtie ſhillings, of lawfull money of Englande, to bee leuied by diſtreſſe, or recouered by action, byll, playnt, or information, in any Court of record, or Lords Court, by the hygh Conſtables or Tything men aforeſayd : In which ſuite, no eſſoigne, protection, nor wager of law ſhalbe allowed or admitted to the partie defendaunt. And if the ſayd hygh Conſtables, ſhalbe remiſſe or negligent to ſue, or ſhall refuſe to ſue the ſayd Collectours and euery of them within two monethes next after ſuch refuſall, or negligence in or by the ſayd Collectour: that then the ſayde hygh Conſtables or Tything men, ſhall forfayt and loſe fiue pounds of lawfull money of England, to thoſe of the poore of the ſame place, to bee ſued for, by and in the name of two of the next Juſtices to the ſayd place or places, being out of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate: if within, then by the Mayor, Baylifes, or other head officers of the ſayd Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, in any Court of record or Lords Court, by action of debt, bill, playnt, or information, in which no eſſoigne, protection, or wager of law ſhalbe allowed. For refuſing to be collectors for the poore.

And further be it enacted, that the ſayd Collectours, and euery of them, ſo to be choſen, as is aforeſayd, ſhall make their iuſt accompt halfe yearely of their ſayd collection and gathering, to two Juſtices of the place, dwellyng next to the ſayd abyding place or places, not beeing within any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate: or to the Mayor, Shiriffes, or other cheefe officers, of the ſayd Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate: and when they goe out of their offices, they ſhall deliuer, or cauſe to bee deliuered forth with vpon their accompts, all ſuch ſurpluſages of their collection & gathering, as ſhall then remaine vndiſtributed, to be ordered by the ſayd Juſtices, Mayors, Baylifes, or other head officers, vpon the ſaydc payne of tenne pounds. If any ſuch Collectour ſhall refuſe to make his ſayd accompt, or neglect the ſame, by the ſpace of fourteene daies after requeſt to him therfore made: then the ſaid two Juſtices, or one of them, to commit the ſayd Collectours to the next gaole for the ſayd Countie, there to remayne without bayle or mainprize, tyll he haue made his ſayd accompt, & immediat payment and delyuerie of all ſuch ſurpluſages as hee hath receaued. For the collectours accompt.

And bee it further enacted, that if any perſon or perſons, being able to further this charitable worke, will obſtinatly refuſe to giue towards ẏ help and releefe of ẏ ſayd poore people, or doo wilfully diſcourage others from ſo charitable a deede: the ſayd obſtinate perſon or willfull diſcourager, ſhal preſently be brought before two Juſtices of the peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, of the ſame Countie, to ſhew the cauſe of his obſtinate refuſall, or wilfull diſcouragement, and to abyde ſuch order therein, as the ſayd Juſtices ſhall appoynt: if he refuſe ſo to doo, then to be committed to the next gaole for the ſayd Shire, there to remayne vntill he be contented with their ſayd order, and doo performe the ſame. For refuſing to giue to the poore, or diſcouraging others.

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